

Rec'd  
6/5/2015  
7pm

To who it may concern,

I, Will Zierhut (owner), am writing this letter in regards to the Citation Fee-Mowing and Weed for property address 2900 109<sup>th</sup> Lane NW, Pin #: 16-31-24-34-0049. The citation was attached to my door stating that I need to mow my yard by 06/02/15. I do apologize for my grass being too long. I should have cut the grass before I went on my week long vacation. Again, I do apologize my lack of curtesy to the neighborhood. However, my yard is not an eyesore like my neighbor's, which is cut so short that you can see dirt, which causes the grass to turn yellow. My objection is not with the warning, but with the assessment stating that I had not cut my grass until 06/04/15. On the day of 06/02/15, I looked to see if there was any information attached to my door by the auditor stating any issues with my property. I found no letter or posted note like the one issued earlier that month. You could imagine my surprise to find a letter ordering me to pay a fine for not mowing my yard. I assure you my yard mowed in time. I'm on a tight budget due to a bankruptcy that has me on a very tight budget, with no room for error. I cannot afford a \$300 assessment for a warning I complied with.

I am curious about the process procedure for lawn violations. What I know thus far, in order to start this process, the auditor must see that your grass is too long. Then a warning is place on your door notifying the owner that their lawn is in violation. The owner is given a date which the lawn must be cut by. When said due date has come, the auditor checks up on the lawn. No ticket is left on the door stating that the owner has or has not complied. Then a proposed special assessment letter is sent notifying the owner of the fine to be paid, and the steps for appealing said assessment. There appears to be a step or two missed along the way. There should be a notice of noncompliance left on the door, just like the note of the lawn violation warning. At this point, in my mind, there should be written proof for the owner to review that the auditor was there. I look at it this way, when you are pulled over for speeding, if you record is clean, you will be issued a warning. If you are caught speeding again, you will be pulled over and issued a ticket. The police officer would not file a ticket and send out a letter saying you were going a certain mph over the speed limit, with the amount of the fine, without pulling you over. I promise you, my grass was cut before the due date. If there was an issue, an official City of Coon Rapids note/ticket should have been placed on my door, like the warning, giving me proof that the auditor had stopped by. Then I would have been able to have shown that my lawn was indeed cut. I made a couple of calls to the phone # 763-951-7202, trying to find out more information on the issue. No calls were returned.

Again, I assure you that my lawn was cut. There will be no more issues with my yard. I cannot afford to pay for something I complied with. Please consider this plea and do not enforce the said assessment. I am sorry for the time and effort of all parties involved.

Kind regards,

Will Zierhut    Cell #: 651



# Property Report

Report Date: 8/12/2015

PIN: 163124340049

CLOSED

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2900 109TH LN

Work Order #60712

Weeds / Long Grass

Task Name	Projected Start	Actual Start	Assigned To	COMMENTS
CITATION ISSUED		5/26/15	GAZELKA, MIKE	Citation posted at property. backyard 8-14"
INFORMATION SENT		5/26/15	HINTZE, CINDY	Courtesy letter sent.
CITATION REINSPECT	6/3/15	6/3/15	GAZELKA, MIKE	Not cut; abate
ORDER ABATEMENT		6/3/15	HINTZE, CINDY	Emailed work order to Gregg Engle at Public Works to mow property.
CITATION FEE APPLIED		6/3/15	HINTZE, CINDY	300
INFORMATION		6/4/15	ENGLE, GREGG	Grass was cut prior to mowing crew's arrival.
COMMUNICATE W OWNEF	8/5/15	8/3/15	DEGRANDE, KRISTIN	William (one of owners) called to ask about appeal process for special assessments. Questions answered.

Files attached to this work order:

\\WorkOrder\60712\grass abatement\_01.pdf

End of Report for 2900 109TH LN



## Long Grass Complaint

Posted Address: 2900 - 109<sup>th</sup> LANE

Date: 5-26-15 Time: 10<sup>52</sup> AM

Fine: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector: MIKEB

Note: GRASS IN FRONT CUT 4"  
" BACK 8"-14"

### For Office Use Only

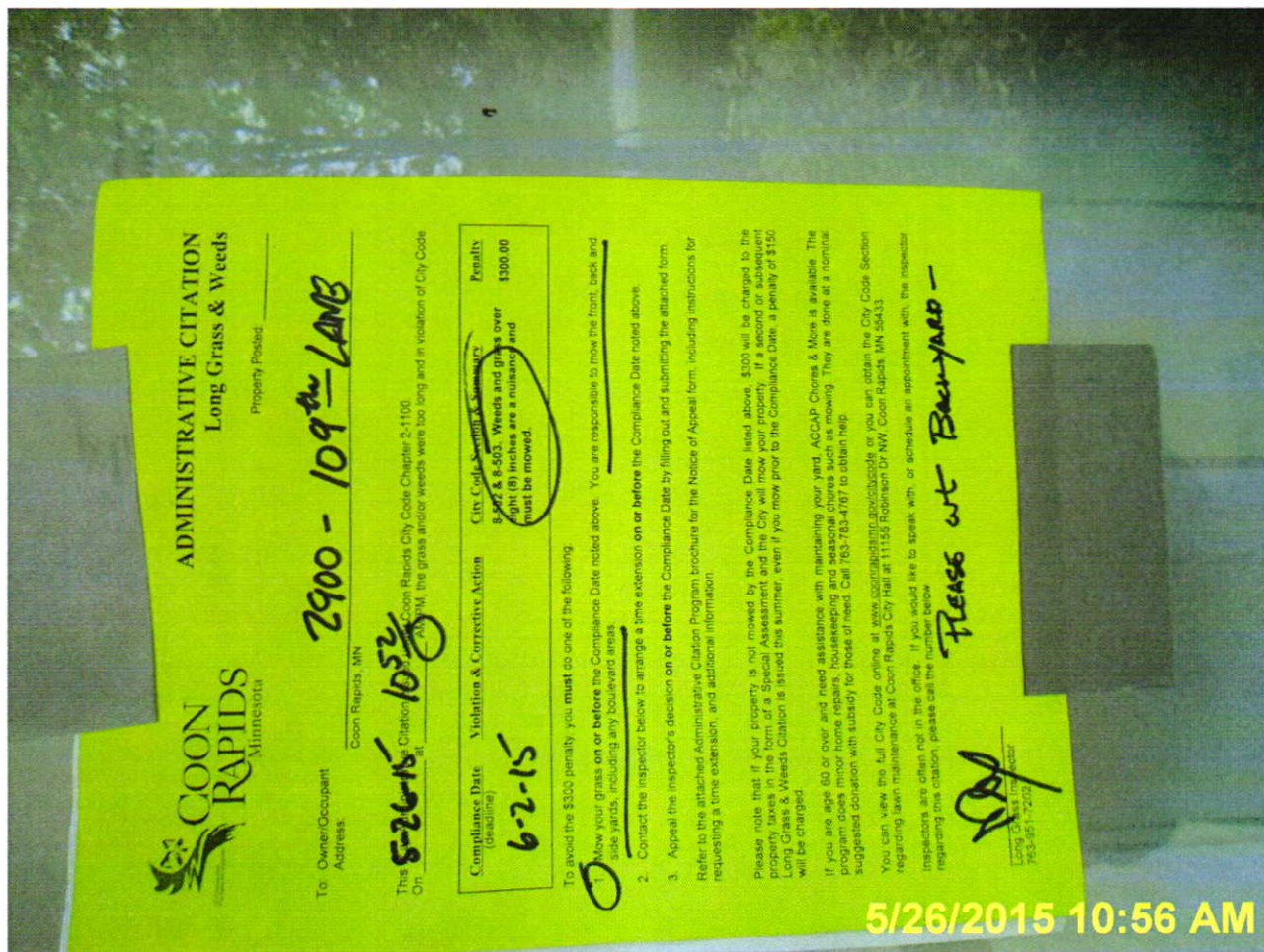
☒ Owner Occupied

☐ Vacant

Rental WO# \_\_\_\_\_

# of Weeds this Season: \_\_\_\_\_ Previously ~~Posted~~ date: \_\_\_\_\_







May 26, 2015

BLAKE DIANA  
2900 109TH LN NW  
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433-0000

Address: **2900 109TH LN**  
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433-0000

Administrative Citation: **#60712**  
PIN: 163124340049

Your property in Coon Rapids was recently posted with an Administrative Citation for long grass. In the City of Coon Rapids, grass and/or weeds cannot be taller than 8" in height. Anoka County Property Records identifies you as the taxpayer/property owner of 2900 109TH LN, and for this reason, this letter is being sent to you to ensure you are aware of the long grass citation at your property.

If your property is mowed by 06/02/2015, the \$300 penalty will not be charged. If you have received more than one Administrative Citation for long grass this season, you will be charged a minimum of \$150, even if the property is mowed before the compliance date.

For more information, please refer to the citation posted at your property or call 763-951-7202.

Long Grass Inspector  
763-951-7202

# Long Grass Reinspection

2900 109TH LN

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OWNER OCCUPIED

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COMPLIANCE			
ORDER ABATEMENT			Emailed work order to Gregg Engle at Public Works to mow
CITATION FEE APPLIED			
ABATE			
APPEAL SUBMITTED			
HEARING			
INFORMATION			
COMMUNICATE W OWNER			

*Front Cut BACK*  
*GRASS cut IN BACK*  
*Still 8"-10" long*

## Inspector Notes

Reinspected by: MIKE

Date: 6-3-15

Time: 10:24

Grass has been mowed

Order Abatement



# Long Grass Abatement Order

Date Ordered: 6/3/2015

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ABATE			
INFORMATION			
COMMUNICATE W/OWN			

## Abatement Notes

Staff:

Cosely B  
Todd M

Date:

6/4/15

Time:

7:42am

Mowing crew  
cut & bagged

Grass was mowed  
prior to crew's arrival

Questions regarding mowing can be directed to Leya Drabczak 763-767-6420 or Kristin DeGrande 763-767-6517

**DIAL 911 IF THREATENED OR NEED POLICE PROTECTION WHILE MOWING**